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Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated May 30, 2003, Applicants hereby respond as follows:

The Examiner has divided the claims into four groups based on the substituents of R⁴ as follows (R¹, R² and R³ are common in the four groups):

a hydrogen atom (Group I)

an alkyl group which may be substituted (Group I)

an alkenyl group which may be substituted (Group I)

an alkynyl group may be substituted (Group I)

an aryl group which may be substituted (except 3-indolyl group)

a 4-pyridyl group (Group III)

a 2-pyridyl group (Group III)

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a piperazinyl group which may be substituted (**Group III**)

a pyrimidinyl group (**Group IV**)

a pyrazinyl group which may be substituted (**Group IV**)

an acyl group may be substituted

an alkoxy- or aryloxy carbonyl group which may be substituted

an alkyl- or arylthiocarbonyl group which may be substituted

an aminocarbonyl group which may be substituted (**Group II**)

an alkyl- or arylsulfonyl group which may be substituted

an alkoxyl group which may be substituted

an aryloxy group which may be substituted

an alkyl- or arylthio group which may be substituted

a hydroxyl group

a carboxyl group

a cyano group

a nitro group

an amino group which may be substituted

It is indicated on page 3 of the Office Action that "Applicant may choose to elect a single invention by identifying another specific embodiment not listed in the exemplary groups of the invention and the Examiner will endeavor to group the same."

Applicants respectfully requests that Compound Nos. 7-12, 14 and 17 on page 24 of the specification be examined, even though these compounds are not within the four groups divided by the Examiner. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to examine the


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compounds in which R⁴ is an alkyl- or arylsulfonyl group which may be substituted, an alkoxy group which may be substituted, an aryloxy group which may be substituted, an alkyl- or arylthio group which may be substituted, a hydroxyl group, or an amino group which may be substituted, which are shown above by *italic* characters, as a new Group V. Applicant asserts that these substituents as R⁴ are common in that a hydrogen atom, an alkyl group which may be substituted or an aryl group which may be substituted is bound with the 5-membered N-containing ring in formula (I) via a hetero atom such as an oxygen atom, a nitrogen atom or a sulfur atom. Therefore, Applicants believes they should be examined in one application.

Applicant hereby petitions for any extension of time which may be required to maintain the pendency of this case, and any required fee, except for the Issue Fee, for such extension is to be charged to Deposit Account No. 19-4880.

Respectfully submitted,


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